

ABSOLUTE RATING: **Excellent**
IMPROVEMENT RATING: **Good**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 18. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from below average to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Excellent	Good
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	75.9	80.7	80.0	77.5	79.7	80.2
• Passed 2 subtests	12.4	10.3	8.8	13.9	11.4	11.6
• Passed 1 subtest	7.5	5.8	6.1	5.8	6.3	5.4
• Passed no subtests	4.2	3.2	5.1	2.7	2.6	2.8

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	33.7%	35.3%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	34.6%	37.6%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	54.7%	59.1%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	94.5%	33.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	57.1%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	95.9%	35.0%	
Gender			
Male	93.0%	36.4%	
Female	95.7%	31.8%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	93.9%	8.9%	
Hispanic	50.0%	0.0%	
White	95.2%	40.9%	
Other	100.0%	100.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	87.0%	17.6%	
Pay for lunch	94.9%	34.6%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	75.2%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	21.9%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,370	N/A	\$4,919	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	91.8%	Up from 90.5%	91.2%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	32.1 to 1	N/A	26.9 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=2,119)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	80.7%	N/A	76.4%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	96.5%	Down from 96.9%	96.1%	95.3%
• Retention rate	9.0%	Up from 6.8%	6.6%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=108)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.8 Days	Down from 6.5	7.8 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 94.4%	96.0%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	61.1%	Down from 61.5%	60.6%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	83.3%	Down from 85.8%	83.8%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.9%	Up from 0.0%	2.4%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	89.1%	Down from 90.8%	87.4%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,257	Up 4.8%	\$39,904	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	1.4%	Down from 1.6%	1.8%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	64.3%	N/A	56.1%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	4.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	43.0%	N/A	59.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	6.8%	Down from 10.4%	4.0%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	13	N/A	30	29
• Gifted and talented	12.0%	Down from 14.2%	14.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	6.8%	Up from 5.6%	7.7%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.4%	N/A	2.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	464	N/A	468	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	45.6%	N/A	15.6%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

School Awards

Northwestern High School was selected as Palmetto's Finest High School for 2000-2001.

Parent, Teacher, Student Awards and Achievement

Parent volunteers logged over 47,000 volunteer hours at the school. Sixteen teachers chose to undergo the rigorous process necessary to obtain National Board Certification. The graduating Class of 2001 earned \$2.5 million dollars in college scholarships. At least 54% (183/338) of graduating seniors earned either a two or four year Life Scholarship provided by the State of South Carolina. The graduating Class of 2001 had 33% (110/338) of all seniors earn a Gold Seal Diploma. The graduating Class of 2001 had 10 students who earned the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma. The Class of 2000 (announced during the summer following their graduation) had 16 students named as AP Scholars. The NHS Chorus had the most students in the state selected to the South Carolina All-State Chorus. There were 35 students selected for the honor. The NHS Purple Regiment Band placed 5th in the state marching band competition and for the 11th consecutive year was awarded the South Carolina Outstanding Performance Award. Industrial arts students placed fourth in the NASA national robotics competition. NHS athletic teams had 32 athletes selected to All-Region II teams. The South Carolina High School League designated 31 athletes as South Carolina High School League Scholar Athletes.

Three Goals Selected by the SIC for Emphasis During 2000-2001

I. Students taking the PSAT, SAT, ACT, PLAN, AP, and IB tests will continue to score at least at the national average. II. NHS will successfully complete its ten-year evaluation for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. III. NHS will establish an Academic Hall of Fame to honor academic performance.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	92.8	79.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	97.3	88.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	91.9	85.4	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Northwestern High
2503 W. Main Street
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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 2,119 Students

Principal

Dr. William Gummerson 803-981-1200

Superintendent

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Kathy Pender 803-980-5512

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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